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59/145. Modalities, format and organization of the High-level Plenary Meeting of the sixtieth session of the General Assembly

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 58/291 of 6 May 2004 by which it decided to convene in New York in 2005, at the commencement of the sixtieth session of the General Assembly, a high-level plenary meeting of the Assembly with the participation of Heads of State and Government, on dates to be decided by the Assembly at its fifty-ninth session,

Recalling that in its resolution 58/291 it also decided that the High-level Plenary Meeting would undertake a comprehensive review of the progress made in the fulfilment of all the commitments contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration,[1] including the internationally agreed development goals and the global partnership required for their achievement, and of the progress made in the integrated and coordinated implementation, at the national, regional and international levels, of the outcomes and commitments of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields, on the basis of a comprehensive report to be submitted by the Secretary-General,

Welcoming the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Modalities, format and organization of the high-level plenary meeting of the sixtieth session of the General Assembly"[2] requested in its resolution 58/291 and following informal consultations convened by the President of the General Assembly,

Convinced that the High-level Plenary Meeting will constitute a significant event,

1. *Decides* that the High-level Plenary Meeting of the sixtieth session of the General Assembly shall be held from 14 to 16 September 2005 in New York;

2. *Reiterates* that the High-level Plenary Meeting will be held with the participation of Heads of State and Government, and encourages all Member States to be represented at that level;

[1] See resolution 55/2.
[2] A/59/545.

3. *Decides* that the High-level Plenary Meeting will be composed of six plenary meetings, on the basis of two meetings a day, and four interactive round-table sessions, and also that each round-table session will cover the entire agenda of the High-level Plenary Meeting and will be held in concurrence with a plenary meeting;

4. *Decides also* to hold the High-level Dialogue on Financing for Development on 27 and 28 June 2005 in New York immediately prior to the high-level segment of the 2005 substantive session of the Economic and Social Council in order for the recommendations of the High-level Dialogue to be considered in the preparatory process for the High-level Plenary Meeting and also decides to hold a separate meeting on Financing for Development within the framework of the High-level Plenary Meeting;

5. *Decides further* to change the venue of the 2005 substantive session of the Economic and Social Council from Geneva to New York on an exceptional basis and that the venue for the 2006 and 2007 substantive sessions of the Council shall be Geneva in order to resume the alternation in 2008, as established by the General Assembly;[3]

6. *Decides* to hold the general debate at its sixtieth session from Saturday, 17 September, to Friday, 23 September, and from Monday, 26 September, to Wednesday, 28 September 2005, on the understanding that these arrangements shall in no way create a precedent for the general debate at future sessions;

7. *Notes* that, prior to the High-level Plenary Meeting, the second World Conference of Speakers of Parliament will be convened from 7 to 9 September 2005 at United Nations Headquarters;[4]

8. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly, in consultation with representatives of non-governmental organizations, to organize informal interactive hearings in June 2005 in New York with representatives of non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations and the private sector, as an input to the preparatory process of the High-level Plenary Meeting;

9. *Looks forward* to the comprehensive report requested in its resolution 58/291, which the Secretary-General will submit in March 2005 and which will serve as the basis for the consultations leading to the High-level Plenary Meeting;

10. *Strongly urges* all Member States to take a positive interest in the process of formal and informal consultations leading to the High-level Plenary Meeting and to engage actively, at the highest level of government, with a view to reaching a successful outcome of the High-level Plenary Meeting;

11. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly to continue to hold consultations with all Member States in an open-ended manner, with a view to taking decisions on all process-related outstanding issues of the High-level Plenary Meeting.

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[3] See resolution 45/264.

[4] See resolution 59/19.